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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 0821 ACTION SECSTATE, WHITE HOUSE  
INFO NAIROBI FEB 19.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0821

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WHITE HOUSE FOR AARON

NAIROBI FOR HARROP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MOPS, ET, SO

SUBJ: REPORTS ON CAPTURED AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0667

1. SEVERAL TIMES DURING MEETING OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL  
EMISSARY AARON WITH CHAIRMAN MENGISTU AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
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FELLEKE, US SIDE REPEATED OUR FIRM INTENTION TO COOPERATE  
IN INVESTIGATING ORIGIN AND TRANSFER OF ALLEGEDLY AMERICAN-  
MADE MILITARY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED FROM SOMALIS. EPMG WAS  
URGED TO SUPPLY SERIAL NUMBERS, AND ITS OFFER TO SHOW MILI-  
TARY EQUIPMENT TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL WAS SEIZED UPON READILY.

2. IN ORDER TO START BUILDING SOME CREDIBILITY WITH EPMG,

WE SHOULD PROVIDE PROMPT ANSWER TO THEIR FIRST REPORT REGARDING EQUIPMENT, SERIAL NUMBERS OF WHICH WERE CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON REFTEL OVER A WEEK AGO. IF DEFINITIVE ANSWER IS NOT YET POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH GUIDANCE FOR AN INTERIM ONE. APPARENT HEDGING ON OUR PART WILL BEGIN TO ERODE BETTER USG-EPMG UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM SPECIAL EMISSARY'S TRIP. ON OTHER HAND, WILLINGNESS TO ADMIT SOME MATERIAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED ILLEGALLY -- AS ANOTHER REPORT SUGGESTS -- SHOULD DEMONSTRATE OUR EARNESTNESS AND ACTUALLY BUILD ON GOODWILL GENERATED BY THE VISIT. MATHERON UNQUOTE VANCE

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